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SUBJ: MARCELINO CAMACHO AND OTHERS OF "CARABANCHEL TEN" STILL IN
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BEGIN SUMMARY. COMMUNIST WORKERS COMMISSIONS LEADER MARCELINO
CAMACHO HAS BEEN MUCH IN NEWS SINCE HIS RECENT RELEASE FROM PRISON,
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AND WAS GRANTED A PASSPORT WHICH ENABLED HIM TO TRAVEL TO PARIS

WHERE HE GAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE ON JAN. 6. OTHERS OF "CARABANCHEL TEN" HAVE ALSO BEEN ACTIVE. END SUMMARY.

1. SINCE HIS 2ND RELEASE FROM PRISON ON DEC 12 (REF B) FOLLOWING REARREST A WEEK EARLIER, COMMUNIST WORKERS COMMISSIONS LEADER MARCELINO CAMACHO HAS GIVEN PRESS CONFERENCES, PARTICIPATED IN SEMINARS, AND KEPT HIMSELF IN LIMELIGHT. HE AND HIS OTHER COMMUNIST "CARABANCHEL TEN" COMPANIONS ARE DEDICATING THEMSELVES ENTHUSIASTICALLY TO COMMUNIST-DOMINATED WORKERS COMMISSIONS AND BEGINNING TO EXERCISE LEADERSHIP AGAIN.

2. CAMACHO ATTENDED BARCELONA SEMINAR DEC. 19 ON FUTURE OF SPANISH LABOR, ACCOMPANIED BY RECENTLY RELEASED "CARABANCHEL TEN" PRISON COMPANION AND SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY (PCE) LAWYER NICOLAS SARTORIUS. THESE TWO COMMUNISTS PROCEEDED TO STEL SHOW. GOVT-CONTROLLED SPANISH SYNDICAL ORGANIZATION (SSO) SENT TWO SSO OFFICIALS WHO VALIANTLY TOOK PART IN BARCELONA SEMINAR.

3. GOVT GRANTED PASSPORT TO CAMACHO (SARTORIUS HAS ALSO APPLIED FOR A PASSPORT, BUT HAS NOT YET BEEN GRANTED ONE), WHO HAS TRAVELED TO FRANCE. ON JAN 6 CAMACHO REPORTEDLY GAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE IN PARIS, ACCOMPANIED BY FRENCH COMMUNIST CGT SEC GEN GEORGES SEGUY, IN WHICH, INTER ALIA, CAMACHO CALLED FOR PACIFIC STRUGGLE TO ACHIEVE TRADE UNION FREEDOMS IN SPAIN AND ATTACKED NEW SPANISH GOVT AS A TYPE OF CAETANO REGIME. ACCORDING TO WORKERS COMMISSIONS SOURCE HERE, CAMACHO TOLD HIM HE WOULD BE CONSULTING WITH PCE SEC GEN CARRILLO IN PARIS OVER FUTURE PCE AND WORKERS COMMISSIONS STRATEGY. CAMACHO ALSO TOLD SAME SOURCE HE MIGHT POSSIBLY ALSO VISIT LONDON, A LONDON VISIT, WHICH MIGHT TAKE PLACE DURING NEXT FEW DAYS, WOULD, ACCORDING TO WORKERS COMMISSIONS SOURCE, BE IN RESPONSE TO AN INVITATION CAMACHO HAS REPORTEDLY RECEIVED FROM LEFT-WING ZOC V-0#8C ARTS UNION FACILITATED BY A RECENTLY-ESTABLISHED WORKERS COMMISSIONS SMALL PERMANENT OFFICE IN GREJG BRITAIMORUN BY SPANISH COMMUNIST EXILES. (SAME SOURCE ALSO CLAIMED ANOTHER SMALL PERMANENT WORKERS COMMISSIONS OFFICE WAS ESTABLISHED SOME MONTHS AGO IN TORONTO, CANADA BY SPANISH COMMUNIST VICENTE LLAMAZARES).

4. OTHER RECENTLY RELEASED "CARABANCHEL TEN" WORKERS COMMISSIONS LEADERS HAVE BEEN EQUALLY ACTIVE. THUS NICHOLAS SARTORIUS IS ON CONFIDENTIAL

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SPANISH LECTURE CIRCUIT AND HAS JUST PUBLISHED A BOOK ON SPANISH WORKER MOVEMENT WRITTEN DURING HIS INCARCERATION. MARXIST WORKER PRIEST FATHER GARCIA SALVE, LIKE CAMACHO REARRESTED AFTER HIS ORIGINAL RELEASE UNDER THE NOV 26 INDULTO, WAS FINALLY RELEASED AGAIN ON DEC 18. GARCIA SALVE PROMPTLY REAPPEARED IN NEWS HARANGUING CROWD AT DEC 29 ANTI-REGIME CEREMONY IN GUERNICA ANNOUNCING CREATION OF BASQUE OPPOSITION COALITION.

5. CAMACHO HAS BEEN PUBLICLY CLAIMING HIS OLD COMPANY, PERKINS MOTOR FACTORY IN MADRID (AFFILIATE OF MASSEY-FERGUSON OF CANADA) HAS REFUSED TO GIVE HIM BACK HIS OLD JOB, AND HE ALSO DEMANDS RE-ADMISSION BY PERKINS OF ALL OTHER WORKERS WHOM HE CLAIMS COMPANY HAS FIRED UNJUSTLY FOR POLITICAL REASONS. WORKERS COMMISSIONS SOURCE, HOWEVER, SAYS CAMACHO TOLD HIM HE ALREADY HAS BEEN OFFERED REEMPLOYMENT BY PERKINS, BUT THAT CAMACHO'S POSTURE IS DESIGNED TO MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR COMPANY TO REEMPLOY HIM. SOURCE CLAIMED THAT NICHOLAS SARTORIUS, FOR SAME REASONS, HAD TURNED DOWN OFFER OF A STEADY JOB, AND SOURCE SAID HE COULD ONLY CONCLUDE THAT SUBSTANTIAL EXPENSES OF CAMACHO AND SARTORIUS ARE BEING PAID BY PCE.

6. SOURCE SAID HE HAD FOUND CAMACHO VERY MUCH INFLATED WITH HIMSELF AND IN TRIUMPHANT MOOD, ALTHOUGH SOMEWHAT MORE SOPHISTICATED AFTER HIS YEARS IN PRISON, SOURCE FELT CAMACHO'S LACK OF JUDGMENT AND HIS BELIEF THAT IT IS HIS DESTINY, ON BEHALF OF PCE, TO LEAD WORKERS AGAINST NEW REGIME, WILL SOONER OR LATER LEAD TO INCIDENTS UNDER WHICH EVEN THIS NEW AND RELATIVELY LIBERAL GOVT WOULD BE FORCED TO DETAIN AND BRING CAMACHO TO TRIAL ONCE AGAIN.
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